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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references, which was found during the prosecution of a co-pending European Patent Application:

U.S. Patent No. 5,802,175

Luckhardt, N. "PASSWORT PORTFOLIO" CT MAGAZIN FUER COMPUTER TECHNIK, VERLAG HEINZ HEISE GMBH Hannover, DE no. 13, 21 June 1999, page 72.

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Copies of these references and form PTO-A820 are attached.

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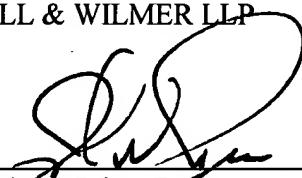


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